



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Announcement of Solicitation of Written Comments on Healthy People 2030 Objectives

**AGENCY:** Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) solicits written comments from the public on the current Healthy People 2030 objectives, and written comments from the public proposing additional new core, developmental, or research objectives or topics to be included in Healthy People 2030. Public comment informed the development of Healthy People 2030. HHS will provide opportunities for public input periodically throughout the decade to ensure Healthy People 2030 reflects current public health priorities and public input. The updated set of Healthy People 2030 objectives and topics will be incorporated on <https://health.gov/healthypeople>. This updated set will reflect further review and deliberation by Federal Healthy People topic area workgroups, the Federal Interagency Workgroup on Healthy People 2030, and other Federal subject matter experts.

**DATES:** Written comments will be accepted through 11:59 p.m. ET, November 20, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted by email to [HP2030Comment@hhs.gov](mailto:HP2030Comment@hhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erik Orta, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 420, Rockville, MD 20852; Phone: 240-268-0823; Email: [HP2030@hhs.gov](mailto:HP2030@hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Since 1980, Healthy People has provided a comprehensive set of national health promotion and disease prevention objectives with 10-year targets aimed at improving the health of all. Healthy People 2030 objectives present a picture of the nation's health at the beginning of the decade, establish national goals and targets to be achieved by the year 2030, and monitor progress over time. The U.S. Department of Health and

Human Services (HHS) is soliciting the submission of written comments regarding the current Healthy People 2030 objectives. The public is also invited to submit proposals for additional new core, developmental, or research objectives that meet the criteria outlined below.

Healthy People 2030 is the product of an extensive collaborative process that relies on input from a diverse array of individuals and organizations, both within and outside the Federal Government, with a common interest in improving the nation's health. Public comments were a cornerstone of Healthy People 2030's development. During the first phase of planning for Healthy People 2030, HHS asked for the public's comments on the initiative's vision, mission, and overarching goals. Those comments helped set the framework for Healthy People 2030. The public was also invited to submit comments on proposed Healthy People 2030 objectives, which helped shape the current set of Healthy People 2030 objectives. HHS most recently solicited comments on one new objective during the 2022 public comment period from October 24, 2022, through December 2, 2022, and three new proposed objectives during the 2021 public comment period from December 3, 2021, through January 10, 2022. These new objectives, which were developed by Healthy People 2030 subject matter experts, meet specific criteria, and reflect public input, are now accessible on <https://health.gov/healthypeople>.

While there are no new objectives being proposed at this time, the public is invited to provide comment on the current Healthy People 2030 objectives and propose additional core, developmental, or research objectives for consideration that address critical public health issues. Proposed new objectives must meet all the objective selection criteria (see below). The public is also invited to propose new topics to be considered for inclusion in Healthy People 2030.

## **Objective Selection Criteria**

### **Core Objectives**

Core objectives must meet the following five criteria to be included in Healthy People 2030.

Core objectives should 1) have a reliable, nationally representative data source with baseline data no older than 2015; 2) have at least two additional data points beyond the baseline during the

decade; 3) be of national importance; 4) have effective, evidence-based interventions available to achieve the objective; and 5) have data to help address disparities and achieve health equity.

### **Developmental Objectives**

Developmental objectives will have the following characteristics: 1) represent high priority issues; 2) do not have reliable baseline data yet; and 3) have evidence-based interventions available.

### **Research Objectives**

Research objectives will have the following characteristics: 1) represent key opportunities to make progress in areas with limited prior research, a high health or economic burden, or significant disparities between population groups; 2) may or may not have reliable baseline data; and 3) do not have evidence-based interventions available.

Written comments and evidence-based information should be submitted by email to [HP2030Comment@hhs.gov](mailto:HP2030Comment@hhs.gov) by 11:59 p.m. ET on November 20, 2023. Comments received in response to this notice will be reviewed and considered by the Healthy People topic area workgroups, Federal Interagency Workgroup on Healthy People 2030, and other Federal subject matter experts.

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